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## FHS to Collaborate with Land Trust Alliance

In 2019, the [Land Trust Alliance](#) launched “Common Ground,” an intensive learning and

listening initiative designed to increase exchange of information with a diverse array of individuals and organizations about how conserved land can help communities thrive. One of the recommendations that followed was to inform the Alliance, and its 1,000 land trust members across the nation, with a curriculum that provides land trusts with a history of public and private land conservation in America, as they seek to strengthen community-centered conservation, and bring the benefits of nature to all people through conservation.



The Alliance called on the Forest History Society to assist them in developing the research that would underpin their educational efforts. The FHS brought together a diverse project team to address the challenge. Through June 2021, the team, which includes scholars and students from across the nation, will compile a list of existing resources that range from books, articles, maps, photographs and archival collections, curricula, webinars, films, museums, oral history interviews, and more. Coordinated by project leader Michelle Steen-Adams, the effort will include an extensive search of curriculum resources through the internet and existing databases, followed by a survey of selected contacts across the U.S. to identify programs and resources that would not surface in the secondary literature.

The scope of the project is broad in that the Alliance seeks to identify resources that explore the unintended consequences of land conservation, including groups and communities that experience discrimination or exclusion. By understanding the effects on such disparaged groups, the Alliance hopes that by deepening the historical knowledge of land trust staff and boards, it will increase their abilities to understand and engage with all segments of their communities and ultimately guide a more equitable future for land conservation. The Forest History Society is grateful for this opportunity to work with the land trust community in support of future private land conservation efforts.

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## DIGITAL EXHIBIT PUBLISHED

### Kieckhefer Container Company



Paperboard, either corrugated or solid, also known as cardboard, fiberboard, or containerboard, has been an essential part of our everyday lives in one form or another for more than a century. It became ubiquitous through the efforts and innovations of fiberboard industry pioneers like the Kieckhefer Container Company. *Image to the left shows cardboard being manufactured at the Kieckhefer mill in Plymouth, N.C.*

[Explore the Exhibit](#)

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## FHS Welcomes New Intern Jake McDonnell from UNC-Chapel Hill Library Science Program

FHS welcomes new intern Jake MacDonnell to its library and archives. Jake is a second-year graduate student at University of North Carolina's Masters in Library Science program, with a concentration in Archives and Records Management. Jake's past experience includes working in Special Collections at Washington and Lee University and interning at the National Archives and Records Administration. Since January 2021, Jake has been digitizing materials in the [Quinault Indian Reservation Collection](#), which focuses on the 1975 Supreme Court Case, *Helen Mitchell, et al. v. United States*. A group of Quinault Indians filed the court case, alleging that, beginning in 1920, the Bureau of Indian Affairs mismanaged forests on the Quinault Indian Reservation to the detriment of Native Americans. In addition to the Quinault collection, Jake has digitized photographs from the [Harold Weaver Collection](#)—who took photos of the Quinault region prior to the court case—and is conducting research to create a digital exhibit. Here is an image from the work in progress.





This area, Allotment No. 1106, Sec. 28, T. 22N., R. 12 W., was logged in 1956-1957, relogged for salvage in 1957 and slash burned in 1958. Even after salvaging and burning there remains a great amount of debris on the ground. Considerable mineral soil has been exposed, however, and it is hoped that the area will restock with natural reproduction. Area was burned under supervision of Jim Ross, who is contemplating the scene. Note numerous cedar snags in uncut timber on ridge in left background. February 18, 1959, Quinault Reservation.

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## From the Library



April 4-10, 2021, is National Library Week, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Welcome to your library," which promotes the idea

that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services. Whether people visit virtually or in person, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community through learning, discovery and exploration. During this week, FHS encourages all community members to visit our [website](#) to explore and access virtual services and programs. FHS offers a wide array of online resources that are available from the comfort of home, including [digital exhibits](#), [photograph collections](#), [oral histories](#), a [bibliographic database](#) of over 100,000 citations, and more.

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## Bert Way Explores Southern Research Station Materials

Dr. Bert Way, associate professor of History at Kennesaw State University in Georgia, recently spent a week conducting research at the Carl A. Weyerhaeuser Library and Alvin J. Huss Archives at the FHS headquarters. He is working on a centennial history of the U.S. Forest Service Southern Research Station, under a Research Joint Venture Agreement between FHS and the USFS. During the past 100 years, the Southern Research Station and its predecessors have significantly contributed to forest research and development that resulted in the thirteen states of the U.S. South becoming the largest timber producing region in the world.



While here, Bert explored the USFS Headquarters History Reference Collection and numerous other collections including the Clarence Luther Forsling Papers; Jesse H. Buell Papers; John Bemis Veach and John Bemis Veach, Jr. Papers; Lester P. Schaap Personal Diaries; and the Thomas C. Nelson Papers, among others. He will also be conducting several oral history interviews as part of the project. Those with interest in the Southern Research Station or with related records of forest research should contact the Society at 919-682-9319 or Bert at [away5@kennesaw.edu](mailto:away5@kennesaw.edu).

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### Charitable Giving Update RMDS - QCDS & FHS!

If you are age 72 or older, IRS rules require you to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts.



**Please consider FHS as a recipient of your RMD.**

The CARES act temporarily waives RMDs for all types of retirement plans (including IRAs, 401(k)s, 403(b)s, 457(b)s, and inherited IRA plans) for calendar year 2020. This includes the first RMD, which individuals may have delayed from 2019 until April 1, 2020.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from

your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity, as described in the QCD provision in the Internal Revenue Code. Amounts distributed as a QCD can be counted toward satisfying your RMD for the year, up to \$100,000. The QCD is excluded from your taxable income. This is not the case with a regular withdrawal from an IRA, even if you use the money to make a charitable contribution later on. If you take a withdrawal, the funds would be counted as taxable income even if you later offset that income with the charitable contribution deduction.

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## Playing It Safe

The Society continues to follow North Carolina's recommended safety guidelines relating to COVID-19, and those for Durham County, where the headquarters is located.

We are so fortunate to have ample room for staff and a few researchers and interns to work safely and productively while maintaining these guidelines. However, for the safety of all, we are not yet open to walk-in visitors. Guests desiring access to the archives or wishing to drop off materials must make an appointment and complete required health forms relating to COVID-19 symptoms and exposure.

All FHS staff and their families remain healthy and look forward to resuming regular library visiting hours soon. If you are in our area, please don't hesitate to call and make an appointment to visit! We're here to make it work and safe for all.

